

Senate Study Bill 1187 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to vehicles of excessive size and weight,
2 including highways and streets upon which movement of such
3 vehicles is permitted and warning lights on such vehicles.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321E.3, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. The department may issue all-systems permits under
4 section 321E.8 which are valid for ~~movements~~ movement on all
5 highways or streets ~~under the jurisdiction of either the state,~~
6 except the interstate road system if prohibited under section
7 321E.8, ~~or those~~ and except any highways or streets under the
8 jurisdiction of local authorities that have indicated upon
9 which an all-systems permit is not valid as determined by the
10 applicable local authority if the local authority indicates
11 such highways and streets to the department in writing,
12 including by means of electronic communication, ~~those streets~~
13 ~~or highways for which an all-systems permit is not valid.~~ A
14 highway or street under the jurisdiction of a local authority
15 upon which movement under an all-systems permit is valid shall
16 connect with a highway or street under the jurisdiction of the
17 state.

18 Sec. 2. Section 321E.24, Code 2023, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 **321E.24 Warning and lighting devices on oversize vehicles and**
21 **loads.**

22 The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#)
23 regarding oversize load signs, warning flags, vehicle length
24 warning lights, and projecting-load lights. A vehicle or
25 combination of vehicles with a gross weight or combined gross
26 weight exceeding eighty thousand pounds shall not be required
27 to display warning lights based on the vehicle's weight, but
28 may otherwise be required to display warning lights based on
29 length, a projecting load, or other factors, as provided by
30 law.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT)
35 is authorized to issue all-systems permits under Code section

1 321E.8 (annual permits) which are valid for movements on all
2 highways or streets under the jurisdiction of either the state,
3 except the interstate road system if otherwise prohibited, or
4 those local authorities that have indicated to the department
5 in writing, including by means of electronic communication,
6 those streets or highways for which an all-systems permit is
7 not valid.

8 This bill requires the highways and streets under the
9 jurisdiction of local authorities upon which movement under an
10 all-systems permit is valid to connect with a highway or street
11 under the jurisdiction of the state. The bill makes changes to
12 Code section 321E.3(1)(b) to enhance readability.

13 Under current law, pursuant to Code section 321E.24, the DOT
14 adopted administrative rules regarding oversize load signs,
15 warning flags, warning lights, and projecting-load lights (761
16 IAC 511.18(3)). The DOT's rules require vehicles longer than
17 85 feet but not longer than 120 feet, vehicles with a front
18 projection over 25 feet, vehicles with a rear projection over
19 10 feet, and vehicles weighing over 80,000 pounds to display
20 a flashing or strobe amber light that is visible for at least
21 500 feet and provides 360-degree warning, which light must be
22 mounted on the towing unit and be visible from the front and
23 rear.

24 The bill provides that vehicles exceeding 80,000 pounds are
25 not required to display warning lights based on the vehicle's
26 weight.